

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A system for making images of a collection of documents by a user, comprising:
a scanner configured to substantially concurrently:
generate electronic images of ~~a series~~ the collection of documents; and
print copies of ~~the series~~ the collection of documents; and
a control system connected to the scanner, wherein the control system is configured to store the electronic images and a set of binding information for ~~the series~~ the collection of documents as a digital representation of the collection of documents in a long-term memory concurrently with the generation of the electronic images, wherein the set of binding information includes:
a sequence location of a binding element in the series of documents; and
a type of the binding element; and
an interface linked to the scanner and the control system, wherein the interface is configured to allow the user to:
enter a beginning sequence location for the binding element prior to the generation of the electronic images; and
enter an ending sequence location for the binding element after the electronic images have been generated.
2. (Previously presented) A system for making images according to claim 1, wherein the scanner is configured to generate and store the electronic images in accordance with a preselected set of default parameters, wherein the default parameters include a default storage location in the long-term memory.

3. (Currently amended) A system for making images according to claim 2, wherein the interface is further comprising an interface connected to the scanner, wherein the interface is configured to facilitate changing the storage location and initiate the generation of the electronic images.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) A system for making images according to claim 1, wherein the interface is further comprising an interface connected to the control system, wherein the interface is configured to display multiple binding element types for selection.
6. (Currently amended) A system for making images according to claim 1, ~~further comprising an interface connected to the scanner for providing commands to the scanner,~~ wherein the interface comprises a voice recognition system.
7. (Currently amended) A system for making images according to claim 1, wherein the interface is further comprising an interface connected to the scanner and configured to:
 - present the electronic images for review; and
 - initiate the generation of the electronic images.
8. (Previously presented) A system for making images according to claim 1, wherein the control system is configured to automatically generate and insert reference numbers into the electronic images.
9. (Original) A system for making images according to claim 8, wherein the control system is configured to insert the reference numbers into each electronic image before printing the copy of the document; and the reference numbers are included in the physical copies.

10. (Original) A system for making images according to claim 1, further comprising a recording system connected to the scanner, wherein the recording system is configured to record the electronic images on a medium and store a viewer program on the medium.
11. (Original) A system for making images according to claim 10, wherein:
the scanner generates the electronic images in an initial format; and
the recording system copies the electronic images onto the medium in the initial format.

12. (Currently amended) A method of making images of a collection of documents, comprising:
- generating electronic images of the documents;
 - entering organizational data and binding information for the collection of documents, comprising:
 - entering a beginning sequence location for a binding element prior to the generation of the electronic images; and
 - entering an ending sequence location for the binding element after the generation of the electronic images;
 - wherein the organizational data relates the binding information to a sequence location within the collection of documents;
 - storing the binding information pertaining to the collection of documents in a long-term memory concurrently with the generation of the electronic images of the documents;
 - storing the organizational data to the long term memory concurrently with the generation of the electronic images of the documents, wherein the organizational data comprises relating the binding information to a sequence location within the collection of documents;
 - storing the electronic images ~~at a storage location~~ in the long-term memory; and
 - making a physical copy of the documents substantially concurrently with the generation of the electronic images of the documents.
13. (Original) A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising receiving verbal commands regarding the images via a voice recognition system.
14. (Original) A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, wherein the storage location comprises a selectively changeable default storage location.

15. (Original) A method of making images of documents according to claim 14, wherein: the default storage location is selectively changeable from a user interface; and, the interface is configured to initiate the generating of the electronic images.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Previously presented) A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, wherein storing the at least one of the location and the type of the binding element includes selecting a corresponding binding element from multiple binding element options presented on a graphical interface.
18. (Currently amended) A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising performing quality control on the electronic images concurrently with the generation of the electronic images.
19. (Currently amended) A method of making images of documents according to claim 18, wherein performing quality control on the electronic images is performed on the interface; and the interface is configured to initiate the generating of the electronic images.
20. (Previously presented) A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising further comprising automatically generating and inserting reference numbers into the electronic images.
21. (Original) A method of making images of documents according to claim 20, wherein:
 - the reference numbers are inserted into each electronic image before making the physical copy of the document; and
 - the reference numbers are included in the physical copy.

22. (Original) A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising: copying the images onto a medium; and storing a viewer program on the medium.
23. (Original) A method of making images of documents according to claim 22, wherein generating the electronic images includes generating the electronic images in an initial format; and copying the images onto the medium includes copying the images onto the medium in the initial format.

24. (Currently amended) An imaging system, comprising:
- a scanner configured to generate a collection of electronic images of a set of documents; and
 - a control system connected to the scanner and configured to substantially concurrently:
 - store the collection of electronic images, binding information for the set of documents, and organizational data pertaining to the set of documents in a long-term memory, wherein the organizational data comprises relating the binding information to a sequence location within the set of documents; and
 - generate physical copies of the images; and
- an interface linked to the scanner and the control system, wherein the interface is configured to allow the user to:
- enter a beginning sequence location for a binding element prior to the generation of the electronic images; and
 - enter an ending sequence location for the binding element after the generation of the electronic images.
25. (Canceled)
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the organizational data further comprises at least one of descriptive information of the electronic images, document range information, and duplex information.
28. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the scanner comprises a multi-function device.
29. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the scanner and the control system are integrated into a single machine.

30. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 27, wherein the organizational data further comprises at least one flag associated with an individual image.
31. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 30, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
32. (Currently amended) An imaging system according to claim 24, ~~further comprising an interface connected to the control system~~, wherein the interface is configured to receive commands and organizational information relating to the images and transfer the commands and organizational information to the control system.
33. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 32, wherein the interface includes a voice recognition system.
34. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 32, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
35. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 24, further comprising a display connected to the control system, wherein the control system is configured to selectively provide the images and the organizational data to the display.

36. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 24, further comprising a printer connected to the control system and configured to print the images.
37. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the control system is configured to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
38. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the control system is configured to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images. '

39. (Currently amended) An imaging system for making images of documents by a user, comprising:

a scanner configured to generate the images and substantially concurrently generate physical copies of the images;

an interface linked to the scanner and configured to receive organizational information from the user regarding an organization of the documents, wherein the organizational information comprises:

binding information;

range information; and

image description information; and

a control system connected to the scanner and the interface, wherein the control system is configured to:

receive the organizational information from the interface, wherein:

a beginning sequence location for the binding element is received from the interface prior to the generation of the electronic images; and

an ending sequence location for the binding element is received from the interface after the generation of the electronic images;

generate organizational data based on the organizational information;

associate the organizational data with the images concurrently with the generation of the images; and

store the organizational data and the images in a long-term memory.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the interface comprises a voice recognition system.

42. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the scanner comprises a multi-function device.

43. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the scanner and the control system are integrated into a single machine.
44. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.
45. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 44, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in an individual document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of an individual.
46. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in an individual document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of an individual.
47. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 39, further comprising a display connected to the control system, wherein the control system is configured to selectively provide the images and the organizational data to the display.
48. (Previously presented) An imaging system according to claim 39, further comprising a printer connected to the control system and configured to print the images.
49. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the control system is configured to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.

50. (Original) An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the control system is configured to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.

51. (Currently amended) A computer system configured to:
- control a scanner to generate image data corresponding to a set of images;
 - control the scanner to make a physical copy of the images substantially concurrently with generating the image data;
 - receive organizational information relating to the images, wherein the organizational information comprises:
 - binding information comprising:
 - a beginning sequence location for the binding element received prior to the generation of the electronic images; and
 - an ending sequence location for the binding element received after the generation of the electronic images;
 - range information; and
 - image description information;
 - generate organizational data associated with the images according to the organizational information substantially concurrently with the generation of the images; and
 - store the organizational data in a long-term memory with a set of image data corresponding to the images.
52. (Previously presented) A computer system according to claim 51, wherein the computer system includes a voice recognition system connected to the scanner and configured to receive commands relating to the set of images and to control the scanner.
53. (Original) A computer system according to claim 51, wherein the images correspond to documents.
54. (Canceled)
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56. (Previously presented) A computer system according to claim 51, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.
57. (Previously presented) A computer system according to claim 56, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
58. (Previously presented) A computer system according to claim 51, further configured to receive commands and organizational information relating to the images via an interface.
59. (Previously presented) A computer system according to claim 58, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
60. (Previously presented) A computer system according to claim 51, further configured to selectively display the images and the organizational data.
61. (Original) A computer system according to claim 51, further configured to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
62. (Original) A computer system according to claim 51, further configured to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.

63. (Currently amended) A medium storing a program to be executed on a computer, wherein the program is configured to cause the computer to:
- control a scanner to generate image data corresponding to a set of images;
 - control the scanner to make a physical copy of the images substantially concurrently with generating the image data;
 - receive organizational information relating to the images, wherein the organizational information comprises:
 - binding information comprising:
 - a beginning sequence location for the binding element received prior to the generation of the electronic images; and
 - an ending sequence location for the binding element received after the generation of the electronic images;
 - range information; and
 - description information;
 - generate organizational data associated with the images according to the organizational information concurrently with the generation of the images; and
 - store the image data and organizational information in a long-term memory.
64. (Original) A medium according to claim 63, wherein the images correspond to documents.
65. (Canceled)
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67. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 63, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.

68. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 67, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
69. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to receive commands and organizational information relating to the images via an interface.
70. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 69, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
71. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to selectively display the images and the organizational data.
72. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
73. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.

74. (Currently amended) A method for making images of a plurality of documents by a user, comprising:
making physical copies of the documents;
generating image data corresponding to the documents substantially concurrently with making the physical copies of the documents;
storing the image data in a long-term memory;
generating organizational data relating to the documents concurrently with the generation of the image data, wherein the organizational data comprises:
document binding information, comprising:
 a beginning sequence location for binding element entered into a user interface by the user prior to the generation of the image data; and
 an ending sequence location for the binding element entered into the user interface by the user after the generation of the image data;
document range information; and
document description information;
associating the organizational data with the image data; and
storing the associated organizational data in the long-term memory.
75. (Canceled)
76. (Original) A method according to claim 74, further comprising receiving verbal commands relating to at least one of the images and the organizational data.
77. (Canceled)
78. (Original) A method according to claim 74, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.

79. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 78, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in the plurality of documents, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
80. (Canceled) ~~A method according to claim 74, further comprising receiving commands and organizational information relating to the images via an interface.~~
81. (Currently amended) A method according to claim ~~80~~ 74, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in plurality of documents, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
82. (Original) A method according to claim 74, further comprising selectively displaying the images and the organizational data.
83. (Original) A method according to claim 74, further comprising exporting the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
84. (Original) A method according to claim 74, further comprising exporting the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.